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INSPECTION

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

SUMMARY: WORKING GROUP NOVEMBER 27 CONTINUED DISCUSSION ITS
DRAFT PAPERS TO SPC ON TECHNICAL/MILITARY ASPECTS
OF STABILIZING MEASURES AND NEGOTIATED INSPECTION. WG WILL
MEET AGAIN NOVEMBER 29 TO CONSIDER FURTHER TEXTUAL CHANGES
IN EFFORT TO FORWARD AGREED REPORTS TO SPC, WHICH MEETS
NOVEMBER 30 ON SAME SUBJECTS. END SUMMARY.

1. ON INSPECTION PAPER, SEVERAL REPS PROPOSED CHANGES WHICH
HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED NATO-WIDE AS SM006. TO FACILITATE
WASHINGTON REVIEW OF THESE CHANGES, WE ARE
INCLUDING THEM IN PARA 4 BELOW.

2. ON STABILIZING MEASURES PAPER, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN(SMITH)
HAS SOUGHT TO RECONCILE OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN UK(AGAINST)
AND FRG(ALONG WITH BELGIUM AND NETHERLANDS IN FAVOR OF) APPLICATION
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OF MEASURES TO OTHER THAN US AND SOVIET FORCES IN THE NGA. MISSION
HAS JUST RECEIVED ADVANCED COPY OF LANGUAGE CHAIRMAN INTENDS TO
PUT FORWARD IN WG MEETING NOVEMBER 29. TEXT OF NEW LANGUAGE
APPEARS IN PARA 5 BELOW.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE PAPERS SHOULD BE MOVED FORWARD AND OUT OF WG FORUM, THEREBY TURNING OFF AT THIS STAGE UK'S DESIRE TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL DETAILS OF MEASURES (ESPECIALLY STABILIZING MEASURES) BEFORE AGREEING TO THEM AS CONCEPTS. WG WILL MEET MORNING OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29 IN EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON TEXTS IN TIME FOR FRIDAY SPC MEETING. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE PROPOSE TO AGREE TO TEXTS AD AD REFERENDUM IN THE EVENT NO FURTHER MAJOR CHANGES ARE PROPOSED BY OTHER REPS.
4. BEGIN TEXT OF CHANGES TO PAPER ON NEGOTIATED INSPECTION.

PARA1. ADD FOLLOWING NEW SENTENCE AT THE END:
"FURTHER DETAILED STUDY WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE
POSSIBLE MEASURES ARE NEGOTIATED".

PARA 2: ALPHA-LINE 12, INSERT FOOTNOTE (3) AFTER
(MILITARY LIAISON MISSION), FOOTNOTE(3) TO READ:
"SEVERAL DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED STRONG RESERVATIONS
AGAINST THE INCLUSION OF MLMS/SERVICE ATTACHES IN ANY
NEGOTIATED VERIFICATION AGREEMENT".

BRAVO-LINE 17, DELETE "CONVERT" AND SUBSTITUTE "COVERT".

PARA 13- ADD AT THE END FOLLOWING NEW SENTENCE:
"BECAUSE OF THE CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE
TOTAL OF 24-28 TEAMS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 11 AND
THESE 130 TEAMS, A SYSTEMATIC INVESTIGATION TO
ASSESS THE TEAMS REQUIRED IS NEEDED".

PARA 19: ADD FOOTNOTE(1) AFTER 40,000 FEET. DELETE
SECOND SENTENCE AND ADD FOOT NOTE(1) TO READ: "HOWEVER,
SOME DELEGATIONS FEEL THAT IF THE RESTRICTIONS LISTED
IN AC/276-D(72)1 (PARA 5) WERE FOLLOWED, THIS WOULD
EFFECTIVELY EXCLUDE A TRUE OPEN SKIES PROJECT".

PARA 21: AMEND FIRST SENTENCE TO READ: "THE WORKING
GROUP TAKE THE VIEW THAT PROVIDED THE SECURITY RISKS
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TO NATO ARE NOT SERIOUS, A MEASURE OF NEGOTIATED
AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE (E.G. AIRBORNE PHOTOGRAPHY) WOULD
ETC."
END TEXT

5. BEGIN TEXT/OF CHANGES TO PAPER ON STABILIZING MEASURES.
AT END OF PARA 6:

"IN THE ENVISAGED FIRST PHAZE OF MBFR (US/USSR
REDUCTIONS) THE DESIRED OUTCOME IS A THIN OUT OF US
GROUND FORCES AND WITHDRAWAL OF A SOVIET TANK ARMY.
THE NON-US NATO AND NSWP FORCES WOULD NOT BE DIRECTLY
ADDRESSED AT THAT STAGE. THERE WOULD BE NO NEED,

UNDER THAT ARRANGEMENT AND AT THAT TIME, TO DECLARE NON-US NATO STRENGTH FIGURES NOR DETAIL OF ARMAMENTS AND EQUIPMENTS. THE APPLICATION OF STABILIZING MEASURES TO NON-US FORCES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THAT FIRST US-USSR PHASE COULD IMPLY A COMMITMENT TO RETAIN THE STATUS-QUO FOR THE NON-US NATO FORCES, IN TERMS OF DEPLOYMENT AND EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS IN SCALE. THERE COULD BE INHIBITION, OR SOME INFLUENCE ON, IMPLEMENTATION OF NATO FORCE IMPROVEMENT PLANS. THE APPLICATION OF MEASURE I (PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF MOVEMENT OF FORCES INTO THE AREA) COULD BE EXPLOITED BY THE EAST, IF APPLIED TO NON-US NATO FORCES, TO INHIBIT FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT BY NATO FORCES INTO THE NGA AND PERHAPS, BEARING IN MIND THAT THE US FORCES ADDRESSED ARE ALMOST WHOLLY IN GERMANY, TO INHIBIT FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT BY EUROPEAN FORCES WITHIN THE NGA. RECIPROCAL MEASURES, APPLIED

TO NSWP FORCES, (PARTICULARLY MEASURE I AND MEASURE III) WOULD HAVE LITTLE PRACTICAL EFFECT.
ADD BEFORE THE EXISTING PARA. U.

THE COMMENTS IN THE SUCCEEDING PARAGRAPHS REFER TO THE FEASIBILITY AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE MEASURES DISCUSSED FOR BOTH ENVISAGED PHASES OF MBFR-83. INITIALLY US/USSR FORCES AND LATTER ALL CONCERNED NATO FORCES. END TEXT
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